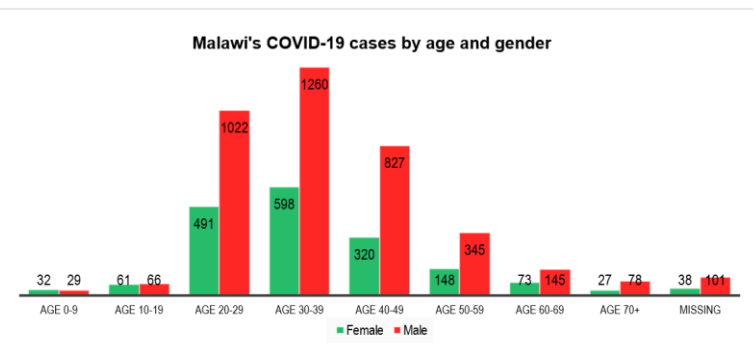
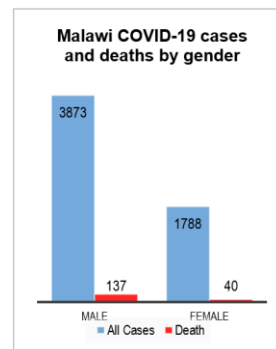


MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Schools throughout the country reopened on Monday 7 September 2020 for Standard 8 learners, Form 4 learners and all final year students at college
- ❖ DoDMA and the Ministry of Youth and Sports are reviewing the guidelines for safe reopening of sporting and recreation activities
- ❖ Cumulatively, 6,130 returnees have been assisted with reception services at borders and airports but challenges remain due to lack of data and high cost
- ❖ 480 health workers in total have contracted COVID-19, resulting in three deaths
- ❖ 92% of Logistics Cluster needs remain unfunded
- ❖ Mobile storage units at the Kamuzu International Airport were upgraded to support the reopening of commercial flights
- ❖ The Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee report for the 2020/2021 Lean Season identifies 2.62 million people to be food insecure



MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ 5 669 cases (1 796 active - 14 new)
- ❖ 1 141 imported, 4 528 local transmission
- ❖ 3 720 (37 new) recovered
- ❖ 177 deaths
- ❖ 47 820 (386 new) tests done
- ❖ All 28 districts affected

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ 28 273 312 cases
- ❖ 911 376 confirmed deaths
- ❖ 19 049 568 recovered
- ❖ Cases in 216 countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ 1 330 383 cases
- ❖ 32 127 confirmed deaths
- ❖ 1 068 863 recovered
- ❖ All 54 countries affected

EMERGENCY APPEAL FINANCIAL TRACKING OVERVIEW [\(financial tracking tool\)](#)

Funding Required \$	Reported Funding \$	% Funded	No of Donors	No of Operational Partners
345M	261.3M	75.6	81	26

COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



COORDINATION

Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA)

Cumulatively, **6,130** returnees assisted with reception services at borders and airports

- ❖ DoDMA and the Ministry of Youth and Sports are reviewing the guidelines for safe reopening of sporting and recreation activities through the National Disaster Preparedness and Relief Committee.
- ❖ DoDMA with support from the UN and humanitarian partners continues to facilitate the reception of returnees. Cumulatively, 6,130 returnees arrived in Malawi through borders and airports up to 30 August.
- ❖ A [calendar of meetings](#), group mailing lists, a [repository](#) to store and share information and a [5W](#) interactive dashboard on the COVID-19 response and a [financial tracking tool](#) for the emergency appeal are available as resource tools

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ Humanitarian partners continue to face planning challenges caused by lack of disaggregated data on the reception of returnees.
- ❖ High unit cost on handling returnees



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

- ❖ **872,185 people**, including 76 persons living with **disabilities**, were reached with **COVID-19 messages** through door-to-door, mobile van and community dram sessions, as well as social media, supported by UNICEF with funding from UK Aid.

<p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (MoI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A child friendly COVID-19 comic book to promote use of non-medical masks and behavior change amongst children was produced by MoH with support from UNICEF. ❖ Weekly radio panel discussion programmes continue to be broadcast, with this week's discussion focusing on access to youth sexual reproductive health services in the midst of COVID-19. The panel discussions are organised by the Public Communication Cluster on COVID-19. ❖ Community feedback collection in relation to the COVID-19 response is ongoing using multiple approaches, including community radios and volunteers. ❖ Five episodes of comedies featuring popular comedians in Malawi were produced to sensitise the masses on COVID-19 issues, including use of masks, produced by the Public Communication Cluster on COVID-19. ❖ RCCE is adjusting messaging to be in line with the new measures in the following areas; Proper use of mask and safe disposal; Re-opening of schools and airports; Tailor specific messages to prisons; Protecting/shielding the vulnerable groups; and Reaching out to the deaf and blind community. <p>Needs and Gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Insufficient resources to implement RCCE activities in all the districts. ❖ Insufficient inclusion of persons with disabilities ❖ Demand for services is not matching ability to supply
<p> HEALTH</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO</p> <p>480 health workers in total have contracted COVID-19, resulting in three deaths</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A new testing policy requires returnees to produce a negative test result certificate and on-site testing will be conducted only when there is no certificate or the returnee is symptomatic ❖ At Kamuzu International Airport, automatic hand sanitizing stations, floor marking for social distancing, posters on social distancing and masks were put in place ❖ So far, 480 health workers have contracted COVID19 with three deaths in three districts. <p>Needs and Gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Financial resources to sustain Health Surveillance Assistants and Volunteers to conduct screening at Points of Entry continue to be a challenge as funds that MRCS has been accessing are coming to an end ❖ The molecular laboratories require particular equipment such as Mini Centrifuges, Heater blocks, PCR plates and Ice making machines
<p> TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport and Works (MTW) & WFP</p> <p>1,000 new test kits and related equipment procured</p> <p>92% of Logistics Cluster needs remain unfunded</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Distribution of PPEs procured with funds from UK Aid, the Health sector Joint Fund and the government's Central Medical Stores was completed by UNICEF ❖ Procurement of 1,000 test kits adequate to conduct 10 tests each, 10,000 viral transport media together with nasopharyngeal (NP) and oropharyngeal (OP) swabs, pack/1 piece was supported by UNICEF with funding from World Bank ❖ A total of 25 passengers were supported with flights in and out of Malawi by two WFP facilitated Aviation humanitarian flights. ❖ Mobile storage units at the Kamuzu International Airport were upgraded to support the reopening by the Department of Civil Aviation, Airports Development Limited and WFP ❖ \$992,547.78 worth of supplies were received into the Bollere Warehouse and supplies worth \$233,663.18 are still in the pipeline, supported by DFID <p>Needs and Gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Only 8% of Logistics Cluster activities are funded with a gap of approximately \$1.3m for critical response interventions. Without immediate support, WFP will not be able to continue supporting the national COVID-19 response
<p> WASH</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development & UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Over 40,000 people were reached with hand washing and sensitization in 18 strategic points (big shops, mobile markets, churches, hospitals, fish markets) in 19 districts with support from Red Cross Movement Partners, UNICEF, UP & GIZ. The cumulative number of people reached remains at 4.2 million ❖ Installation of a backup water storage tank was completed at Kasinthula Emergency Treatment Unit (ETU) in Chikwawa and similar works are ongoing at Chitipa ETU, supported by UNICEF <p>Needs and Gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Increasing demand for WASH facilities due to the re-opening of schools
<p> PROTECTION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dissemination of protection, gender and inclusion messages through door to door campaigns and strategic hand washing facilities, cumulatively reaching 574,300 people in 19 districts, by Red Cross Movement Partners and UNICEF

Coordinated by:
**Ministry of Gender, Children,
 Disability and Social Welfare
 (MGCDWSW), UNICEF, UN
 Women**

9,500 people in 6 districts
 provided with community based
 mental health and
 psychological support

- ❖ **Psychological first aid** was provided to 124 callers this week through the national child helpline/gender-based violence crisis line and cumulatively to over **1,700 returnees** from South Africa upon their arrival at reception centres in Machinga, Blantyre and Zomba districts, supported by UNICEF
- ❖ **9,500 people** in 6 districts received **community-based mental health and psychosocial support** by District Social Welfare Offices, supported by UNICEF

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ Some returnees are using unchartered routes and are detained along the way, affecting planning and operational costs
- ❖ Some points of entry are not testing travellers



FOOD SECURITY

Coordinated by:
**Department of Disaster
 Management Affairs
 (DoDMA) & WFP**

- ❖ The **Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee report** jointly drafted by WFP and the Government for the 2020/2021 Lean Season was finalized and identifies 2.62 million people to be food insecure.



EDUCATION

**Coordinated by: Ministry of
 Education, Science and
 Technology (MoEST); Save
 the Children & UNICEF**

- ❖ **Schools throughout the country, closed since 23 March 2020, reopened on Monday 7 September 2020** for Standard 8 learners, Form 4 learners and all final year students at college.
- ❖ As part of Global Partnerships for Education COVID-19 response, solar powered radios, WASH items and face masks were procured at zonal levels
- ❖ A total of **34 district staff** in Phalombe and Nsanje district were trained on **adolescent nutrition** supported by UNICEF

Needs and gaps

- ❖ The cluster has **inadequate funding to facilitate safe re-opening of schools**



NUTRITION

**Coordinated by: Ministry of
 Health (MoH) & UNICEF**

247 care group leaders
 reached with nutrition related
 COVID-19 messages

- ❖ **270,881 caregivers** with children 0 to 59 months were reached with **key nutrition messages in the context of COVID-19** in 4 districts bringing the total number of people reached with key nutrition messages on nutrition in the context of COVID-19 with UNICEF support to more than 4.6 million people in the 18 UNICEF focus districts.
- ❖ **247 care group cluster leaders** and promoters and 39 local leaders were reached with COVID-19 messages in 4 districts increasing the number of care group cluster leaders reached so far with COVID-19 prevention to about 71,268 supported by UNICEF



AGRICULTURE

Coordinated by:
**Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)
 & FAO**

77% of the agriculture cluster
 requirements remain unfunded

- ❖ Preliminary findings from the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System (EmA-FSS) indicate that **53 of surveyed households in 18 districts turned to markets as the main source of food during** the second half of August 2020. Rural households are increasingly experiencing asset depletion and engaging in negative coping mechanisms to secure income to buy food or access other essential services.
- ❖ The MoA finalized its response strategy to the outbreak of a fish disease known as Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome.

Needs and gaps

- ❖ No additional funding was confirmed so far and only 23% of the cluster requirements have been confirmed.
- ❖ Funding for the provision of Personal Protective items for Extension Workers continues to be one of the main gaps of the response plan, particularly to ensure that extension staff will be able to support farmers effectively in the forthcoming rain-fed agriculture season.
- ❖ MoA is looking for scientific and technical support to tackle the outbreak of Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome (fish disease)

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